

Sign Posters

Aim:

To give the children an understanding of road signs and the meanings of the different shapes and colours of signs.

Activity:

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- Discuss road signs with the children explaining the meaning of the different shapes and colours used in signs. These signs are used throughout the world. The pictures and colours explain the meanings of the signs without using words.

Suggested Timing:

45 minutes – 1 hour

Resources:

- Sugar paper
- Paint, brushes and water pots
- Aprons

- Get the children to think about things in the Out of School Club or in their homes that could have signs e.g. warning not to run or rules about behaviour.
- The children can design and paint these signs as posters for the club or for their homes.



Extensions:

Road Sign Snap

Snap cards can be made either by or for the children. These can be the road signs alone or a mixture of the road signs and their meanings depending on the ages and abilities of the children. You will need a pack of about 32 cards (4 x 8) for the game to work well.

- Cut each sheet of card into quarters.
- Split these cards into four sets of eight.
- Either draw or stick a different road sign onto each card in a set.
- Repeat this so that you have two identical sets of cards. At this point you can either make another two identical sets or write the meanings of the road signs on the remaining two sets.

Rules

- Play the game by placing cards face up in a pile until you have matching pictures, or the picture and the explanation match.
- Whoever shouts snap first while placing their hand on top of the pile wins that set of cards.
- The last player left with cards in their hand wins the game.

Extension Resources:

- A4 white card (8 sheets per pack of cards)
- Felt tip pens, pencils or crayons
- Scissors
- Worksheet 6



Extension:

Dominoes

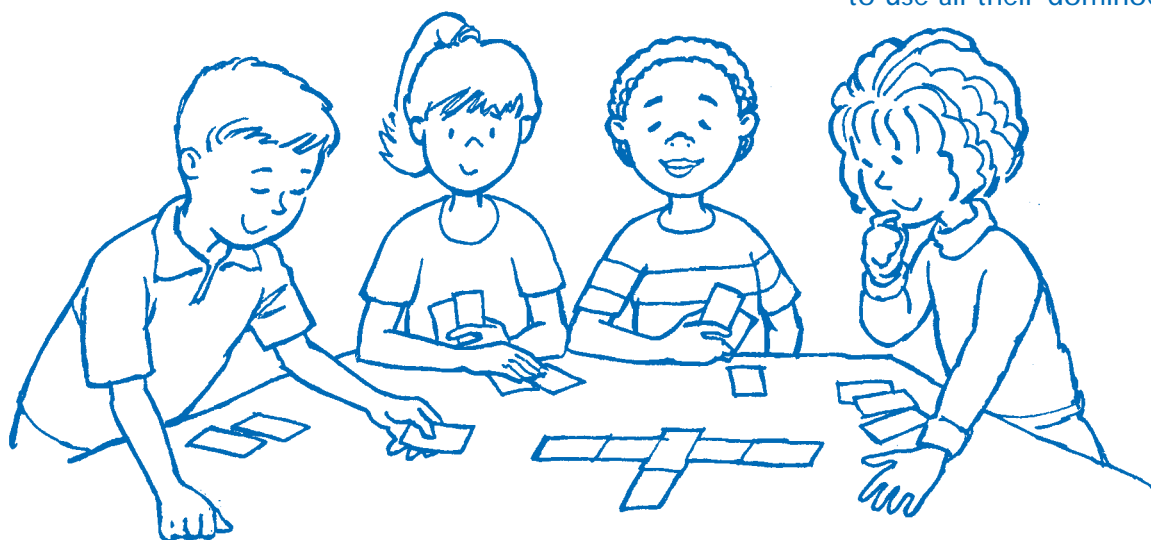
Use the same resources as the Snap Cards.

- The children can draw their own pictures of road signs ensuring that you have 8 different signs.
- Photocopy the signs until you have 8 copies of each. Alternatively use Worksheet 6.




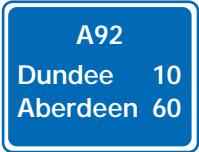
- To make the dominoes stick two different pictures, or two pictures the same, onto each piece of card.
- For older children use only 4 copies of the signs, and put a picture on the one half of each domino and write the meaning of one of the signs on the other.
- Cut the dominoes out. You should have 32 dominoes in total.

Rules

- Divide the dominoes among the children.
- To start the game throw a dice and see who has the highest score.
- The first one will lay a domino down and going clockwise the rest have a turn to put a domino next to a matching sign or meaning on the table.
- The winner is the first one to use all their dominoes.



Background Information:

Road signs	Meaning
Signs giving Orders  	<p>Blue circular signs tell you what you must do e.g. Ahead Only</p> <p>Red circular signs tell you not to do something e.g. No Entry</p>
Warning signs 	<p>Warn of possible hazards on the road e.g. Children on the road ahead</p>
Information signs 	<p>These can be white, blue, brown or green and give information e.g. mileages to towns.</p>

Refer to 'Arrive Alive' the Highway Code for young road users.
This can be obtained free of charge from the Department for Transport.

Different Signs for Snap Cards/Dominoes

Make eight different road signs which can be used as snap cards/dominoes

